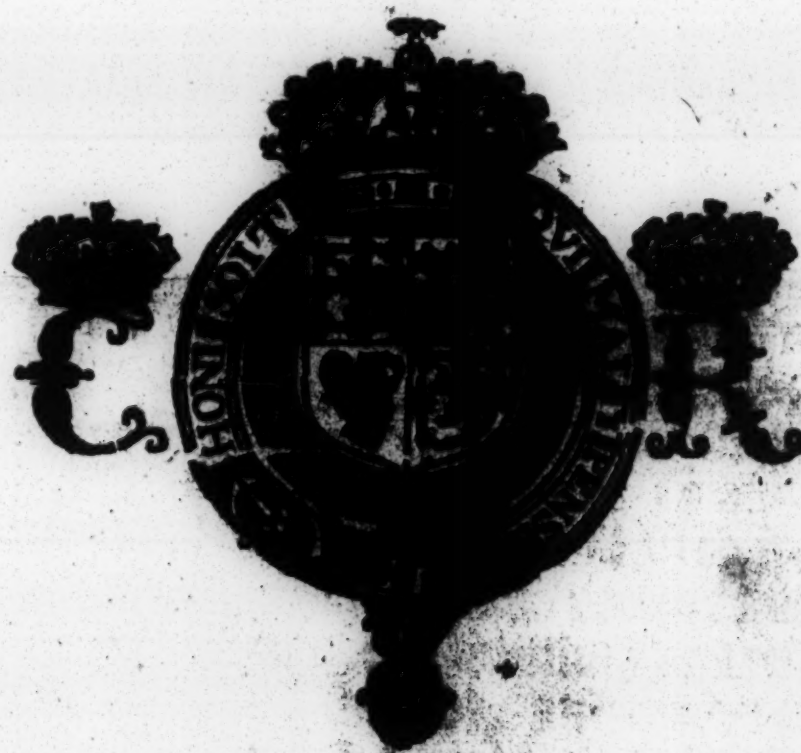


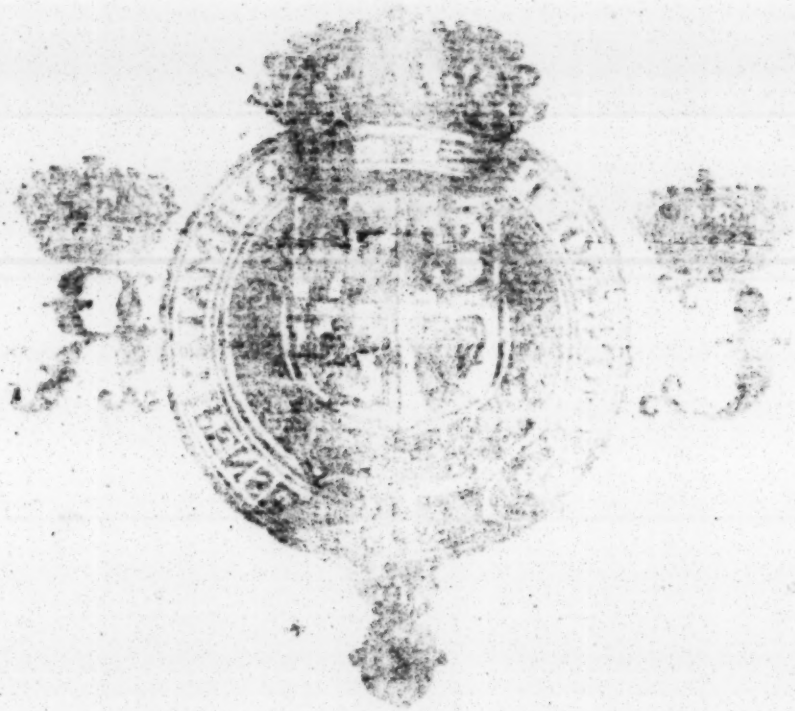
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OUR Soberaign Lord, out of His Innate bounty and Royal inclination to favour and protect Strangers, and for the encrease and promoting of Trade and Manufactories, being graciously pleased and willing to give encouragement to Strangers to repair to, and dwell and reside within this Kingdom; hath therefore thought fit, Likewise, His Majesty, with advice and consent of His Estates of Parliament, doth hereby Statute, Ordain and Declare, That all Strangers, being of the Protestant Religion, either such who having Estates shall thinke fit to bring the same to this Kingdom, to dwell and inhabite within the same; or who shall come to set up new works and Manufactories therein, and shall repair to, and settle their abode, dwelling and residence within this Kingdom; shall be, and are hereby naturalized as native born Subjects of the Kingdom of Scotland, and are to enjoy His Majesties Royal Protection, the benefit of the Law, and all other Priviledges which a Native doth enjoy, als freely in all respects, as if they themselves had been born within the same; and that they shall have liberty and freedom of Trade, and freedom to buy and purchase Lands, Heretages, and other Goods moveable and immoveable, and to enjoy the same by possession, purchase

chase or donation, or any other way; and to dispose thereof and transmit them to their heirs and Successors, who are to succeed therein: And to enjoy all other Liberties, Privileges and Capacities which do belong to, and are competent, or may and shall belong to any native Subject born within this Kingdom. And further, His Majesty both Declare that upon applications to be made unto Him by these Strangers, He will grant unto them the free and publick exercise of their Religion in their own Languages, and the liberty of having Churches within this His Kingdom. It is alwayes hereby provided, that no person or persons shall have the benefit of this Act, untill first by petition to the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, containing an exact description of their names, places of their birth and former residence, and that they are of the Protestant Religion, as he found by the Council, that they are qualified according to this Act, and ought to have the benefit thereof. And it is hereby Declared, that such persons, with an extract of the Act of Council, in favour of the said persons to the effect aforesaid, shall be unto them a sufficient naturalization to all intents and purposes. Which Extract shall be given to them freely, without payment of any money or composition; save only the Fee of nine pounds Scots money to the Clerks of Council and their Servants.

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